

CAPSULE SUMMARY

CT-418

Young's Memorial United Methodist Church

3390 Hunting Creek Road

Huntingtown, Calvert County

1911

Private

Constructed in 1911, Young's Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church at 3390 Hunting Creek Road is significant as an African-American religious property in Huntingtown. Further, the church is representative of an important phase of architectural development, illustrating the popularity of a more vernacular or rural interpretation of church design that presented a picturesque mode within the natural landscape of rural Maryland. The building is not high style, rather it is characteristic of the rural religious buildings erected during the latter half of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The historic physical features of the church's setting are significant to the architectural interpretation of the building and its associated cemetery, particularly in its rural environment and siting outside of Prince Frederick in central Calvert County.

The one-and-a-half-story church is a modest interpretation of the Gothic Revival style, embodying the meetinghouse plan of rural vernacular architecture. The wood-frame structure is clad in aluminum siding and set on stretcher-bond brick piers with concrete block infill. The front-gable roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles and is finished with overhanging eaves and scrolled rafter ends. The one-story entry vestibule has a lancet-arched double-leaf entry with a paneled wood replacement door. The triangular-shaped transom has stained glass that reads: "Young's Memorial M.E. Church 1911." The front-gable roof of the vestibule is capped by a wood-frame lantern clad in aluminum siding. An oculus window with eight lights pierces the east side of the square lantern, which is topped by a bell tower with segmental arches, square posts, and an octagonal spire set on a hipped roof. The main block has lancet-arched 3/2 windows with square-edged surrounds and flared imposts. Interior brick chimneys with arched hoods project from the roof. The one-story addition on the west side of the church is set on a slope, allowing for the concrete-block foundation to be almost fully exposed as a full-height basement. This addition appears to date from the latter part of the twentieth century. The oldest section of the cemetery, located to the southwest of the church, has small granite markers are hand-carved with little, if any, notations. The thin markers have semi-circular arched tops. The visible markers appear to be placed on an axial alignment west to east. Because of the inability to decipher the markers, it is impossible to date this portion of the cemetery, which could possibly predate the existing 1911 church on the property. The absence of large ornate headstones, paths, and fencing indicates this cemetery was intended to be part of the natural landscape. The existing foliage and terrain were not altered in the planning of the burial ground, thus the vista reads as woodlands rather than as a cemetery. In contrast, the mid- to late-twentieth-century cemetery wraps closely around the sides of the church. This portion of the cemetery has been cleared of trees and shrubs, making the markers the focal point. Placed in family groups and short axial rows, the graves are marked by a variety of mid- to late-twentieth-century monument styles, forms, and materials. These include metal ledgers, bevel markers, large rectangular headstones on granite bases, and segmental- and square-arched headstones. This cemetery is still active.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CT-418

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Young's Memorial United Methodist Church
other

2. Location

street and number 3390 Hunting Creek Road not for publication
city, town Huntingtown vicinity
county Calvert

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Young's Memorial M.E. Church
street and number 4230 Hunting Creek Road telephone Unknown
city, town Huntingtown state MD zip code 20639-9116

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 17:114
city, town Pr. Frederick liber JLB 129 folio 499

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
☐ Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
			Contributing Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	1 sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> funerary	2 Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SETTING

This small church sits well back from Hunting Creek Road, on top of a small rise. The property, located on the west side of Hunting Creek Road in Huntingtown, consists of 4.75 acres. The immediate setting around the church and the late-twentieth-century markers has been cleared of trees and shrubs, while the early- to mid-twentieth-century hand-carved markers are located to the west and south of the church within an overgrown landscape of trees and plants.

PRIMARY RESOURCE

The one-and-a-half-story church is a modest interpretation of the Gothic Revival style, embodying the meetinghouse plan of rural vernacular architecture. Stylistic elements of the main block include the open plan with a modest entry vestibule, lancet-arched openings, wide overhanging eaves, and wood-frame construction clad in aluminum siding. The wood-frame structure is clad in aluminum siding and set on stretcher-bond brick piers with concrete block infill. The front-gable roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles and is finished with overhanging eaves and scrolled rafter ends. The one-story entry vestibule has a lancet-arched double-leaf entry with a paneled wood replacement door. The triangular-shaped transom has stained glass that reads: "Young's Memorial M.E. Church 1911." This projecting entry vestibule is pierced on the north and south sides by 3/2 windows with a lancet arch. The front-gable roof of the vestibule is capped by a wood-frame lantern clad in aluminum siding. An oculus window with eight lights pierces the east side of the square lantern. The lantern is topped by a bell tower with segmental arches, square posts, and an octagonal spire set on a hipped roof. The east elevation, to either side of the entry vestibule, and the north and south side elevations of the main block have lancet-arched 3/2 windows with square-edged surrounds and flared imposts. Interior brick chimneys with arched hoods project from the sides of the roof. The one-story addition on the west side of the church is set on a slope, allowing for the concrete-block foundation to be almost fully exposed as a full-height basement. This addition appears to date from the latter part of the twentieth century. The basement is pierced by a single three-light and paneled wood door, 1/1 windows, and two-light sliding windows. The first-story is marked on the north and south side elevations by three 1/1 windows. The gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles and has slightly overhanging eaves on the side elevations. A brick chimney rises from the west elevations.

SECONDARY RESOURCE

The cemetery associated with the church is made up of two distinct cemetery types, representing two separate periods. The oldest section of the cemetery is located to the southwest of the church. The vast majority of the small granite markers are hand-carved with little, if any notations or ornamentation. Standing about ten to twelve inches high, the thin markers have semi-circular arched tops. The visible markers appear to be placed on an axial alignment west to east. Because of the inability to decipher the markers, it is impossible to date this portion of the cemetery, which could possibly predate the existing 1911 church on the property. The oldest readable hand-carved marker was that of A. Freeland, who died on August 29, 1950. The absence of large ornate headstones, paths, and fencing indicates this cemetery was intended to be part of the natural landscape. The existing foliage and terrain were not altered in the planning of the burial ground, thus the vista reads as woodlands rather than as a cemetery. In contrast, the mid- to late-twentieth-century cemetery wraps closely around the south and west sides of the church. This portion of the cemetery has been cleared of most of the trees and shrubs, making the markers the focal point. Placed in family groups and short axial rows, the graves are marked by a variety of mid- to late-twentieth-century monument styles, forms, and materials. These include metal ledgers, bevel markers, large rectangular headstones on granite bases, and segmental- and square-arched headstones. This cemetery is still active.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1911 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1911

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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The property was donated to the church by the great-grandparents of Tracey Rone of Avondale Estates, Georgia.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 4.75

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Benedict

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Young's Memorial United Methodist Church is located at 3390 Hunting Creek Road, Huntingtown, Calvert County, Maryland. The historic church, along with its historic cemetery, is noted on Tax Map 17, Parcel 114. It has been historically associated with Parcel 114 since its construction circa 1911.

11. Form Prepared By

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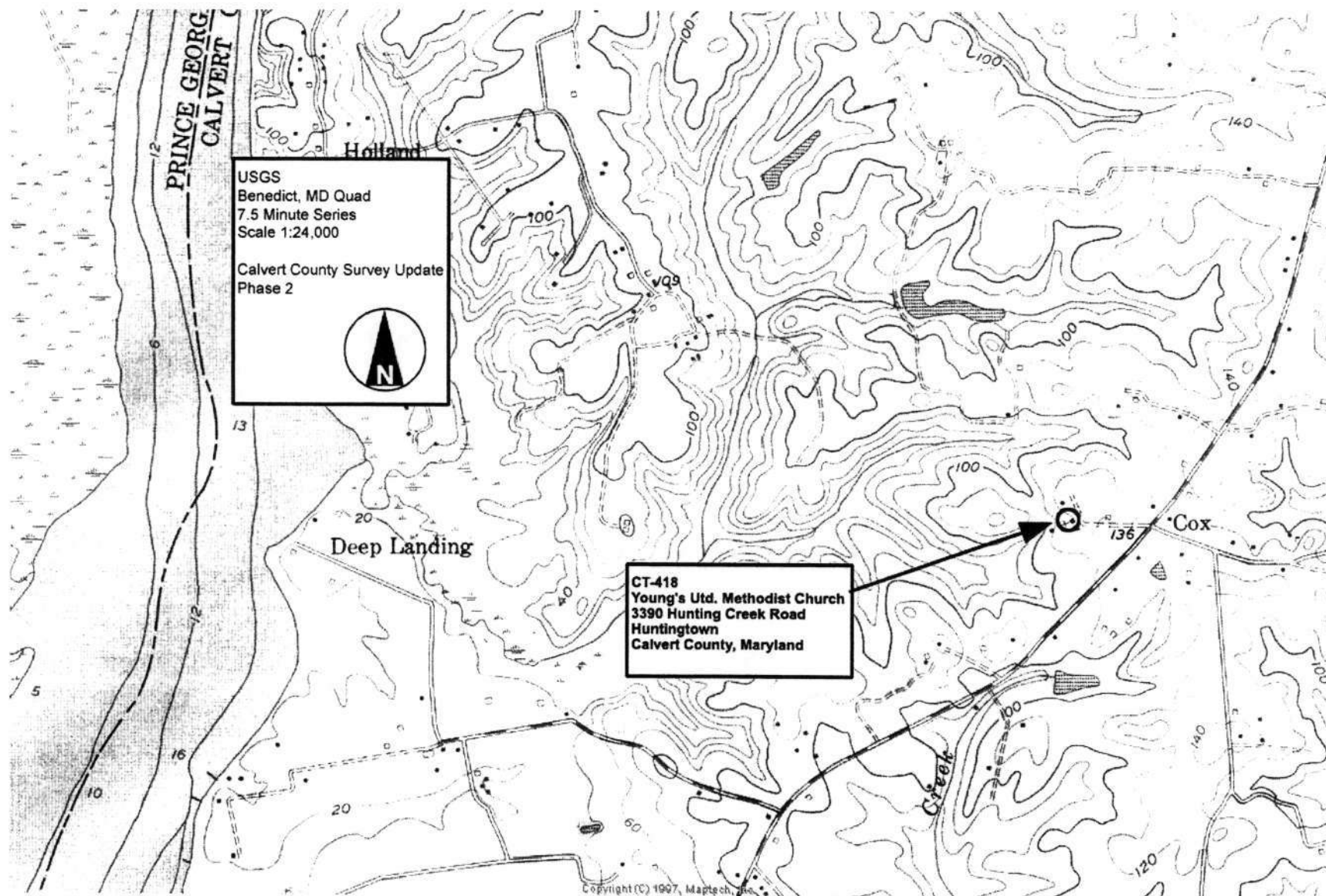
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Young's United Methodist Church, 3390 Hunting Creek Road
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Facade, looking west
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Young's United Methodist Church, 3390 Hunting Creek Road
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northeast corner

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northwest corner

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South elevation

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Youngs United Methodist Church
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Calvert County, MD
EHT Traceries

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hand-carved tombstones, at the northwest corner of
the cemetery

CT-418
YOUNG'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
(1900)
Huntingtown
Public

A highly decorated bell tower surmounting the vestibule embellishes this otherwise simple frame church. The east-facing building's gable roof runs east-west. Straight-sided Gothic-arched windows light the church, and a matching transom tops the double-door entrance.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Young's United Methodist Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Hunting Creek Road (Maryland Route 521)

CITY, TOWN

Huntingtown

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

COUNTY

Calvert

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☒ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
20639**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Calvert County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street (MD Route 765)

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

STATE
Maryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CT-418

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A highly decorated bell tower surmounting the vestibule embellishes this otherwise simple frame church. The east-facing building's gable roof runs east-west. Straight-sided Gothic-arched windows light the church, and a matching transom tops the double-door entrance.

Patterned shingles, dentils, an eight-segment round window, a belfry with a jigsaw balustrade, and a polygonal spire make up the tower. Decoratively-cut rafter feet are exposed on the German-sided structure.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD

☐ PREHISTORIC
☐ 1400-1499
☐ 1500-1599
☐ 1600-1699
☐ 1700-1799
☐ 1800-1899
☒ 1900-

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ ARCHITECTURE
☐ ART
☐ COMMERCE
☐ COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING
☐ CONSERVATION
☐ ECONOMICS
☐ EDUCATION
☐ ENGINEERING
☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
☐ INDUSTRY
☐ INVENTION

☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
☐ LAW
☐ LITERATURE
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSIC
☐ PHILOSOPHY
☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

☒ RELIGION
☐ SCIENCE
☐ SCULPTURE
☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ THEATER
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This church is similar to CT-415 Huntingtown United Methodist Church.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Merry Stinson

ORGANIZATION

Calvert County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Route 5, Box 154

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Leitersburg,

STATE

Maryland 21740

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Calvert County

Merry Stinson Spring 1979

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